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Today Ann Bleed, the Acting Director of the Department of Natural Resources, announced the effectiveness of the Department of Natural Resources rules that will be used by the Department when making its annual designation of which river basins are fully appropriated. This annual designation, the first of which will be made by January 1, 2006, is required as the result of the passage of LB 962, which provided new laws for the integrated management of Nebraska's surface and ground water resources. The rules became effective on September 5, 2005.